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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of M. Grupe, J. Palmer, D. Aldous and S. Thurairatnam  
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## Novel Compounds and Compositions as Cathepsin Inhibitors

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Amendment and Reply to Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir.

This is responsive to the Final Action dated April 18, 2006 for the above-identified application. A Petition extending the period for response for three (3) months, to August 18, 2006, is included herein, along with authorization to charge the extension fee to a credit card. Applicants request respectfully that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.